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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Olaf Winterhalter                      **Examiner:** Lenard A. Footland  
**Application** 10/725,972                      **Confirmation** 4970  
**Filed:** December 2, 2003                      **Group Art** 3682  
**For:**                      **HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING FOR A SPINDLE MOTOR**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action of March 21, 2005 for the above-identified patent application.

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- ☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.  
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 2	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

**TOTAL                      = \$0.00**

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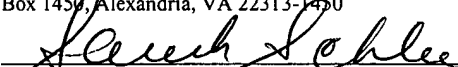
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 21, 2005**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 21, 2005, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on June 21, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.